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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTRY NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION

1. MR. BRUCE ATTENDED SEPTEMBER 30 NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION HOSTED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY AT GREAT HALL OF PEOPLE, THE FIRST TIME FOR A U.S. GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE. TOP LEVEL LEADERSHIP TURNOUT LED BY ACTING PRC CHAIRMAN TUB PI-WU, PREMIER CHOU-EN-LAI, PARTY VICE CHAIRMAN WANG HUNG-WEN MADAME MAO AND OTHER MAJOR PARTY AND GOVERNMENT FIGURES. PRINCE SIHANOUK WAS PRINCIPAL FOREIGN GUEST.

2. FORMAT FOR AFFAIR WAS SAME AS LAST YEAR WITH INVITEES FROM DIPLOMATIC AND PRESS CORPS PLUS VISITING FOREIGNERS SEATED BY 7:00 PM AT NUMEROUS ROUND TABLES COVERED WITH ELABORATE ARRAY OF COLD DISHES. LEADERS ENTERED AND SAT DOWN AT LONG HEAD TABLE AT 7:10, CHOU GAVE BRIEF PRO FORMA TOAST AT 7:30, GUESTS ATE AND EXCHANGED SMALL TALK UNTIL PROMPT MASS EXODUS AT 8:30. PLA BAND ENTERTAINED WITH FOLK TUNES AND SOME LIGHT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PIECES COMPOSED BY PRINCE SIHANOUK.

3. BRUCE TABLE WAS NO. 40, ROUGHLY IN MIDDLE OF PACK, AND INCLUDED MR. AND MRS. C. SULZBERGER, USLO OFFICER PLATT, AND KEY WORKING LEVEL MFA OFFICIALS: TING YUAN-HUNG FROM AMERICAN AND OCEANIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, MA YU-CHEN FROM INFORMATION DEPARTMENT, AND TANG LUNG-PIN FROM PROTOCOL. ON WAY FROM HALL MR. BRUCE EXCHANGED GREETINGS WITH FORMER PRC AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO HSIUNG HSIANG-HUI (SHIUNG HAS AS YET RECEIVED NO ONWARD ASSIGNMENT).

4. PEKING'S MAJOR BUILDINGS LIT UP IN PREPARATION FOR NATIONAL DAY. CROWDS LINING T.IEN AN MEN AND CH'IEN MEN AREA TOOK CAREFUL AND CURIOUS NOTE OF BLACK CAR FLYING AMERICAN FLAG AND THOSE IN IT. PEKING RADIO OCTOBER 1 REPORTED BRUCE ATTENDANCE, ONE OF HANDFUL OF RESIDENT OFFICIALS SPECIFICALLY NAMED. NEWSMENS DEMONSTRATED IMPORTANCE REGIME ATTACHED TO HIS PRESENCE.
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